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Serial No.: 09/160,991
Filed: September 25, 1998
Group Art Unit: 3724
Examiner: Hwei-Sui Payer
Applicant: Zhang et al.
Title: CUTTING DIE AND METHOD OF FORMING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2001. A three month extension of time for responding to the Action is hereby requested together with a check for the fee of \$445. (Applicant is entitled to small entity status). The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-27 are pending in the application, claims 13-19 are withdrawn from consideration, and claims 1-12 and 20-27 are rejected. The following amendments, remarks, declarations and customer accolades are respectfully submitted.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

2. X Small Entity status is claimed.

___ Other than a Small Entity.

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	* 28	MINUS	** 27	1	x 9	\$ 9.00	x18	\$
INDEP.	* 8	MINUS	*** 8	0	x40	\$ 0.00	x80	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+135	\$	+270	\$
					TOTAL FEE	\$ 9.00	TOTAL FEE	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid for" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

___ No additional fee for claims is required.

4. X Attached is a check in the sum of \$9.00.

___ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$___.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) X Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<u> </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u> </u> two months	\$ 390.00	\$ 195.00
<u>X</u> three months	\$ 890.00	\$ 445.00
<u> </u> four months	\$1,390.00	\$ 695.00
<u> </u> five months	\$1,890.00	\$ 945.00

- X Attached is a check in the amount of \$445.00 for the three month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.


(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$.

OR

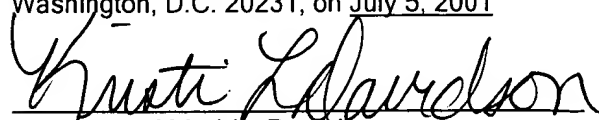
- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- X If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Acct. No. 23-3000.

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